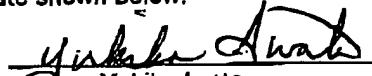


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CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
IN COMPLIANCE WITH § 1.114 UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2)

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2).

Patent Issue Fee

2. The issue fee for this case was paid on February 19, 2001.

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Reason(s) for Withdrawal Request

3. The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of information disclosure statement in a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114.

Filing of Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

4. The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is attached herewith.

Petition Fee

5. Petition Fees (37 C.F.R. 1.17(h))

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-1800 the sum of \$130.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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